Troopers Arrest Millsboro Man For Theft of Vehicle and Drugs-Millsboro

Millsboro- The Delaware State Police have arrested 43-year-old **Terence V. Purnell** after he stole a motor vehicle and was found in possession of drugs.

The incident occurred on April 19, 2020 at approximately 9:31 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 27000 block of Oak Meadows Drive, Millsboro, in reference to a stolen motor vehicle. Upon arrival, Troopers met with a 52-year-old female victim who advised that her 2014 blue Chevy Cruze was parked in her driveway, when an acquaintance of hers, Terence Purnell, took the vehicle without permission.

Troopers observed Purnell driving the vehicle on Oak Meadows Drive, and a traffic stop was initiated. Purnell was taken into custody without incident and subsequently found in possession of approximately .47 grams of cocaine, .147 grams of heroin and drug paraphernalia.

Purnell was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (2 counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Fail to Obey an Emergency Order

Purnell was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution \$900.00 secured bond.

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